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Applicant: KUPPER et al. Examiner: E. McAvoy
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Title: USE OF LUBRICANTS BASED ON POLYSILOXANE

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of 20 July 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-22.

Please add the following new claims:

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23. (NEW) A method of lubricating the interface between a container and a moving conveyor surface to reduce frictional resistance between the conveyor and the containers transported thereon, the method comprising applying, by direct contact with no dilution of a lubricant concentrate, an effective amount of a liquid lubricant composition between a container and a contact surface of the moving conveyor to reduce frictional resistance between the conveyor and the containers transported thereon, the lubricant comprising an aqueous solution comprising at least one weight percent of a polysiloxane composition based on the liquid lubricant.

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